

Hello, my name is Doug Stanley, Warren County Administrator. The Virginia Electric and Power Company – Warren County Power Station project is important to Warren County. It is important because it will provide a source of electric power generation within Virginia and reduce the amount of electricity that the Commonwealth of Virginia must import. It is my understanding that Virginia is the second largest importer of electricity in the US, with California being the largest. This project will be a tremendous economic benefit to the County. But believe me, the leadership, both staff and elected officials, have not sacrificed the protection of the environment for tax dollars. The Department of Environmental Quality has the responsibility for protecting human health and the environment and we have confidence in DEQ's review of the permit application and development of the Draft Air Permit.

The present VIRGINIA ELECTRIC AND POWER COMPANY application received unanimous approval from the Board of Supervisors only after an exhaustive review by staff and a third party consultant hired by the County.

Final approval by the County is contingent on 6 pages of conditions approved by the Board and accepted by the applicant. Included in the conditions is a requirement of the use of BACT technology, offsets for NO_x emissions, prohibit the use of groundwater for the operation of the facility, a requirement for “dry cooling” and a requirement to return the site substantially to its prior condition or other suitable condition as approved by the County should the facility cease to be used for electrical power production.

The project, both the initial application by CPV and the subsequent modification request by Dominion, have had very little local opposition during the conditional use permit process.

The proposed site is located in the middle of the County’s Industrial Corridor. A corridor that has been identified for industrial development since the County adopted its first comprehensive plan in 1975.

Given the location of electric transmission lines and gas transmission lines, the site is ideally suited for such a use. Yes, the potential impact to the valley and Shenandoah National Park is important and I

feel that VIRGINIA ELECTRIC AND POWER COMPANY has bent over backwards to address the concerns of local and state officials.

The difficulty for jurisdictions like ours, where over 15% of the land in the County is dedicated to Federal and State parks, and where you have significant floodplain, steep slopes and other environmental constraints is that there is little land left for commercial and industrial development that is needed to provide a balanced tax base.

The County appreciates Virginia Electric and Power Company's approach to the project which has been to stay on the cutting edge of technology in providing as clean a plant as technologically feasible. We thank you for the opportunity to comment during the air permit application process.